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(57) Abstract

Fruit-specific regulatory regions are identified employing cDNA screening. The resulting fruit-specific regulatory regions are manipulated for use with foreign sequences for introduction into plant cells to provide transformed plants having fruit with a modified phenotypic property. The invention is exemplified with a tomato fruit-specific promoter which is active throughout the stages of fruit ripening.

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FRUIT-SPECIFIC TRANSCRIPTIONAL FACTORS

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 168,190, filed March 15, 1988, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 054,369 filed May 26, 1987, which applications are incorporated herein by reference.

INTRODUCTION

Technical Field

This invention relates to DNA expression cassettes capable of directing fruit-specific expression of *in vitro* constructed expression cassettes in plants. The invention is exemplified by promoters useful in fruit-specific transcription in a tomato plant.

Background

Manipulation of plants has proven to be significantly more difficult than manipulation of prokaryotes and mammalian hosts. As compared to prokaryotes and mammalian cells, much less was known about the biochemistry and cell biology of plant cells and plants. The ability to transform plant cells and regenerate plants is unique to flora since other differentiated species provide readily available transformable germ cells which may be fertilized and introduced into the live host for fetal development to a mature fetus. There has been substantial interest in modifying the ovum with inducible transcriptonal initiation regions to afford inducible transcription and expression of the gene introduced into the ovum, rather than constituitive expression which would result in expression throughout the fetus.

Also, for plants, it is frequently desirable to be able to control expression at a particular stage in the growth of the plant or in a particular plant part. During the various stages of the growth of the plant, and as to the various components of the plant, it will frequently be desirable to direct the effect of the construct introduced into the entire plant or a particular part and/or to a particular stage of differentiation of the plant cell. For this purpose, regulatory sequences are required which afford the desired initiation of transcription in the appropriate cell types and/or at the appropriate time in the plant development, without having serious detrimental effects on the plant development and productivity.

It is therefore important to be able to isolate sequences which can be manipulated to provide the desired regulation of transcription in a plant cell host during the growing cycle of the plant. One aspect of this interest is the ability to change the phenctype of fruit, so as to provide fruit which will have improved aspects for storage, handling, cooking, organoleptic properties, freezing, nutritional value, and the like.

Relevant Literature

cDNA clones from tomato displaying differential expression during fruit development have been isolated and characterized (Mansson et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. (1985) 200:356-361; Slater et al., Plant Mol. Biol. (1985) 5:137-147). The studies have focused primarily on mRNAs which accumulate during fruit ripening. One of the proteins encoded by the ripening-specific cDNAs has been identified as polygalacturonase (Slater et al., Plant Mol. Biol. (1985) 5:137-147). A cDNA clone which encodes tomato polygalacturonase has been sequenced. Grierson et al., Nucleic Acids Research (1986) 14:8395-8603. The concentration of polygalac-

turonase mRNA increases 2000-fold between the immature-green and red-ripe stages of fruit development. This suggests that expression of the enzyme is regulated by the specific mRNA concentration which in turn is regulated by an increase in transcription. Della Penna et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA (1986) 83:6420-6424. Mature plastid mRNA for psbA (one of the components of photosystem II) reaches its highest level late in fruit development, whereas after the onset of ripening, plastid mRNAs for other components of photosystem I and II decline to nondetectable levels in chromoplasts. Piechulla et al., Plant Mol. Biol. (1986) 7:367-376.

Other studies have focused on cDNAs encoding genes under inducible regulation, e.g. proteinase inhibitors which are expressed in response to wounding in tomato (Graham et al., J. Biol. Chem. (1985) 260:6555-6560; Graham et al., J. Biol. Chem. (1985) 260:6561-6564) and on mRNAs correlated with ethylene synthesis in ripening fruit and leaves after wounding. Smith et al., Planta (1986) 168:94-100.

Leaf disc transformation of cultivated tomato is described by McCormick, et al., Plant Cell Reports (1986) 5:81-89.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Novel DNA constructions are provided employing a "fruit-specific promoter," particularly those active beginning at or shortly after anthesis or beginning at the breaker stage, joined to a DNA sequence of interest and a transcriptional termination region. A DNA construct may be introduced into a plant cell host for integration into the genome and transcription regulated at a time at or subsequent to anthesis. In this manner, high levels of RNA and, as appropriate, polypeptides, may be achieved during formation and/or ripening of fruit.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows the nucleotide sequence of the cDNA clones pCGN1299 (2A11) and pCGN1298 (3H11). The amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the open reading frame is also indicated.

Figure 2 is a comparison of 2A11 to pea storage proteins and other abundant storage proteins:

(a) 2A11 (residues 33-46) is compared to PA1b and the reactive site sequences of some protease inhibitors, PA1b (residues 6-23), chick pea inhibitor (residues 11-23), lima bean inhibitor (residues 23-35), human α1-antitrypsin reactive site peptide. The arrow indicates the reactive site.

(b) is a comparison of the amino terminal sequence of 2A11 with the amino termini of a range of seed proteins. The data have been modified or deletions introduced to maximize homology; conserved residues are shown boxed. The sequences are from the following sources: PA1b; barley chloroform/methanol-soluble protein d; wheat albumin; wheat α-amylase inhibitor 0.28; millet bi-functional inhibitor; castor bean 2S small subunit; and napin small subunit.

Figure 3 is a schematic diagram of the construction of the binary plasmid pCGN783; (a) through (f) refer to the plasmid constructions in Example 6.1.

Figure 4 shows the complete sequence of the 2A11 genomic DNA cloned into pCGN1273 from the XhoI site (position 1 at the 5' end) to the EcoRI site (position 4654).

Figure 5 shows the nucleotide sequence of a polygalacturonase (PG) genomic clone.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIFIC EMBODIMENTS

In accordance with the subject invention, DNA constructs are provided which allow for modification of plant phenotype during fruit maturation and ripening. The DNA constructs provide for a regulated transcrip-

tional initiation region associated with fruit development and ripening. Downstream from and under the transcriptional initiation regulation of the fruit related initiation region will be a sequence of interest which will provide for modification of the phenotype of the fruit. Desirably, integration constructs may be prepared which allow for integration of the transcriptional cassette into the genome of a plant host. Conveniently, the vector may include a multiple cloning site downstream from the fruit related transcriptional initiation region, so that the integration construct may be employed for a variety of sequences in an efficient manner.

Of particular interest is a transcriptional initiation region which is activated at or shortly after anthesis, so that in the early development of the fruit, it provides the desired level of transcription of the sequence of interest. Normally, the sequence of interest will be involved in affecting the process in the early formation of the fruit or providing a property which is desirable during the growing (expansion) period of the fruit, or at or after harvesting.

The ripening stages of the tomato may be broken down into mature green, breaker, turning, pink, light red and red. Desirably, the transcriptional initiation region maintains its activity during the expansion and maturation of the green fruit, more desirably continues active through the ripening or red fruit period. Comparable periods for other fruit are referred to as stages of ripening. The invention is not limited to those transcriptional initiation regions which are activated at or shortly after anthesis but also includes transcriptional initiation regions which are activated at any of the ripening stages of the fruit.

The transcriptional initiation region may be native or homologous to the host or foreign or heterologous to the host. By foreign is intended that the transcriptional initiation region is not found in the wild-type host into which the transcriptional initiation region is introduced. Of particular interest is a tomato fruit-specific transcriptional initiation region referred to as 2A11 which regulates the expression of a 2A11 cDNA sequence described in the Experimental section. The 2A11 transcriptional initiation region provides for an abundant messenger, being activated at or shortly after anthesis and remaining active until the red fruit stage. The expressed protein is a sulfur-rich protein similar to other plant storage proteins in sulfur content and size. Also of interest is the transcriptional initiation region which regulates expression of the enzyme polygalacturonase, an enzyme which plays an important role in fruit ripening. The polygalacutonase promoter is active in at least the breaker through red fruit stage.

Other fruit-specific promoters may be activated at times subsequent to anthesis, such as prior to or during the green fruit stage, during pre-ripe (e.g., breaker) or even into the red fruit stage.

A transcriptional initiation region may be employed for varying the phenotype of the fruit. Various changes in phenotype are of interest. These changes may include up- or down-regulation of formation of a particular saccharide, involving mono- or polysaccharides, involving such enzymes as polygalacturonase, levansucrase, dextransucrase, invertase, etc.; enhanced lycopene biosynthesis; cytokinin and monellin synthesis. Other properties of interest for modification include response to stress, organisms, herbicides, bruising, mechanical agitation, etc., change in growth regulators, organoleptic properties, etc. For antisense or complementary sequence transcription, the sequence will

usually be at least 12, more usually at least 16 nt. Antisense sequences of interest include those of polygalacturonase, sucrase synthase and invertase.

The transcriptional cassette will include in the 5'-3' direction of transcription, a transcriptional and translational initiation region, a sequence of interest, and a transcriptional and translational termination region functional in plants. One or more introns may be also be present. The DNA sequence may have any open reading frame encoding a peptide of interest, e.g. an enzyme, or a sequence complementary to a genomic sequence, where the genomic sequence may be an open reading frame, an intron, a non-coding leader sequence, or any other sequence where the complementary sequence will inhibit transcription, messenger RNA processing, e.g. splicing, or translation. The DNA sequence of interest may be synthetic, naturally derived, or combinations thereof. Depending upon the nature of the DNA sequence of interest, it may be desirable to synthesize the sequence with plant preferred codons. The plant preferred codons may be determined from the codons of highest frequency in the proteins expressed in the largest amount in the particular plant species of interest.

In preparing the transcription cassette, the various DNA fragments may be manipulated, so as to provide for the DNA sequences in the proper orientation and, as appropriate, in the proper reading frame. Toward this end, adapters or linkers may be employed for joining the DNA fragments or other manipulations may be involved to provide for convenient restriction sites, removal of superfluous DNA, removal of restriction sites, or the like. Toward this end, <u>in vitro</u> mutagenesis, primer repair, restriction, annealing, resection, ligation, or the like may be employed, where insertions, deletions or substitutions, e.g. transitions and transversions, may be involved.

The termination region which is employed will be primarily one of convenience, since the termination regions appear to be relatively interchangeable. The termination region may be native with the transcriptional initiation region, may be native with the DNA sequence of interest, or may be derived from another source. Convenient termination regions are available from the Ti-plasmid of A. tumefaciens, such as the octopine synthase and nopaline synthase termination regions.

By appropriate manipulations, such as restriction, chewing back or filling in overhangs to provide blunt ends, ligation of linkers, or the like, complementary ends of the fragments can be provided for joining and ligation.

In carrying out the various steps, cloning is employed, so as to amplify the amount of DNA and to allow for analyzing the DNA to ensure that the operations have occurred in proper manner. A wide variety of cloning vectors are available, where the cloning vector includes a replication system functional in E. coli and a marker which allows for selection of the transformed cells. Illustrative vectors include pBR332, pUC series, M13mp series, pACYC184, etc. Thus, the sequence may be inserted into the vector at an appropriate restriction site(s), the resulting plasmid used to transform the E. coli host, the E. coli grown in an appropriate nutrient medium and the cells harvested and lysed and the plasmid recovered. Analysis may involve sequence analysis, restriction analysis, electrophoresis, or the like. After each manipulation the DNA sequence to be used in the final construct may be restricted and joined to the next sequence, where each of the partial constucts may be cloned in the same or different plasmids.

In addition to the transcription construct, depending upon the manner of introduction of the transcription construct into the plant, other DNA sequences may be required. For example, when using the Ti- or Ri-plasmid for transformation of plant cells, as described below, at least the right border and frequently both the right and left borders of the T-DNA of the Ti- or Ri-plasmids will be joined as flanking regions to the transcription construct. The use of T-DNA for transformation of plant cells has received extensive study and is amply described in EPA Serial No. 120,516, Hoekema, In: The Binary Plant Vector System Offsetdrukkerij Kanters B.V., Alblasserdam, 1985, Chapter V, Knauf et al., Genetic Analysis of Host Range Expression by Agrobacterium, In:Molecular Genetics of the Bacteria-Plant Interaction, Puhler, A. ed.,Springer-Verlag, NY, 1983, p.245, and An et al., EMBO J. (1985) 4:277-284

Alternatively, to enhance integration into the plant genome, terminal repeats of transposons may be used as borders in conjunction with a transposase. In this situation, expression of the transposase should be inducible, so that once the transcription construct is integrated into the genome, it should be relatively stably integrated and avoid hopping.

The transcription construct will normally be joined to a marker for selection in plant cells. Conveniently, the marker may be resistance to a biocide, particularly an antibiotic, such as kanamycin, G418, bleomycin, hygromycin, chloramphenicol, or the like. The particular marker employed will be one which will allow for selection of transformed cells as compared to cells lacking the DNA which has been introduced.

A variety of techniques are available for the introduction of DNA into a plant cell host. These techniques include transformation with Ti-DNA employing A. tumefaciens or A. rhizogenes as the transforming agent, protoplast fusion, injection, electroporation,

etc. For transformation with Agrobacterium, plasmids can be prepared in E. coli which plasmids contain DNA homologous with the Ti-plasmid, particularly T-DNA. The plasmid may or may not be capable of replication in Agrobacterium, that is, it may or may not have a broad spectrum prokaryotic replication system, e.g., RK290, depending in part upon whether the transcription construct is to be integrated into the Ti-plasmid or be retained on an independent plasmid. By means of a helper plasmid, the transcription construct may be transferred to the A. tumefaciens and the resulting transformed organism used for transforming plant cells.

Conveniently, explants may be cultivated with the A. tumefaciens or A. rhizogenes to allow for transfer of the transcription construct to the plant cells, the plant cells dispersed in an appropriate selective medium for selection, grown to callus, shoots grown and plantlets regenerated from the callus by growing in rooting medium. The Agrobacterium host will contain a plasmid having the vir genes necessary for transfer of the T-DNA to the plant cells and may or may not have T-DNA. For injection and electroporation, disarmed Ti-plasmids (lacking the tumor genes, particularly the T-DNA region) may be introduced into the plant cell.

As a host cell, any of a number of fruit bearing plants may be employed in which the plant parts of interest are derived from the ovary wall. These include true berries such as tomato, grape, blueberry, cranberry, currant, and eggplant; stone fruits (drupes) such as cherry, plum, apricot, peach, nectarine and avocado; compound fruits (druplets) such as raspberry and blackberry. In hesperidium (oranges, citrus), the expression cassette might be expected to be expressed in the "juicy" portion of the fruit. In pepos (such as watermelon, cantelope, honeydew, cucumber and squash) the equivalent tissue for expression is most likely the inner edible portions, whereas in legumes (such as

peas, green beans, soybeans) the equivalent tissue is the seed pod.

Identifying useful transcriptional initiation regions may be achieved in a number of ways. Where a fruit protein has been or is isolated, it may be partially sequenced, so that a probe may be designed for identifying messenger RNA specific for fruit. To further enhance the concentration of the messenger RNA specifically associated with fruit, cDNA may be prepared and the cDNA subtracted with messenger RNA or cDNA from non-fruit associated cells. The residual cDNA may then be used for probing the genome for complementary sequences, using an appropriate library prepared from plant cells. Sequences which hybridize to the cDNA may then be isolated, manipulated, and the 5'-untranslated region associated with the coding region isolated and used in espression constructs to identify the transcriptional activity of the 5'-untranslated region. In some instances, a probe may be employed directly for screening a genomic library and identifying sequences which hybridize to the probe. The sequences will be manipulated as described above to identify the 5'-untranslated region.

As an example, a promoter of particular interest for the subject invention, the fruit-specific transcriptional initiation region (promoter) from a DNA sequence which encodes a protein described as 2A11 in the Experimental section was identified as follows. cDNA clones made from ripe fruit were screened using cDNA probes made from ripe fruit, green fruit, and leaf mRNA. Clones were selected having more intense hybridization with the fruit DNAs as contrasted with the leaf cDNAs. The screening was repeated to identify a particular cDNA referred to as 2A11. The 2A11 cDNA was then used for screening RNA from root, stem, leaf, and seven stages of fruit development after the mRNA was sized on gels. The screening demonstrated that the

particular message was present throughout the seven stages of fruit development. The mRNA complementary to the specific cDNA was absent in other tissues which were tested. The cDNA was then used for screening a genomic library and a fragment selected which hybridized to the subject cDNA. The 5' and 3' non-coding regions were isolated and manipulated for insertion of a foreign sequence to be transcribed under the regulation of the 2A11 promoter.

The cells which have been transformed may be grown into plants in accordance with conventional ways. See, for example, McCormick et al., Plant Cell Reports (1986) 5:81-84. These plants may then be grown, and either pollinated with the same transformed strain or different strains, identifying the resulting hybrid having the desired phenotypic characteristic. Two or more generations may be grown to ensure that the subject phenotypic characteristic is stably maintained and inherited and then seeds harvested for use to provide fruits with the new phenotypic property.

A protein is provided having the sequence described in the Experimental section designated as 2A11. This protein could be a storage protein and be useful in enhancing sulfur containing amino acids (cysteine and methionine) in the diet. It can be obtained in substantially pure form by providing for expression in prokaryotes or eukaryotes, e.g., yeast by inserting the open reading frame into an expression cassette containing a transcriptional initiation region. A variety of expression cassettes are commercially available or have been described in the literature. See, for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 4,532,207; 4,546,082; 4,551,433; and 4,559,302. The product, if intracellular, may be isolated by lysing of the cells and purification of the protein using electrophoresis, affinity chromatography, HPLC extraction, or the like. The product may be isolated in substantially pure form free of other plant

products, generally having at least about 95% purity, usually at least about 99% purity.

The following examples are offered by way of illustration and not by limitation.

EXPERIMENTAL

Example 1

Construction of Tomato Ripe Fruit cDNA Bank and Screening for Fruit-Specific Clones

Tomato plants (Lycopersicon esculentum cv UC82B) were grown under greenhouse conditions. Poly(A)$^+$RNA was isolated as described by Mansson et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. (1985) 200:356-361. The synthesis of cDNA from poly(A)$^+$ RNA prepared from ripe fruit, cloning into the PstI site of the plasmid pUC9 and transformation into an E. coli vector were all as described in Mansson et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. (1985) 200:356-361.

Library Screening

Two thousand recombinant clones were screened by colony hybridization with radiolabeled cDNA made from tomato red fruit mRNA, immature green fruit mRNA, and leaf mRNA. Bacterial colonies immobilized onto GeneScreen Plus filters (New England Nuclear), were denatured in 1.5 M NaCl in 0.5 M NaOH, then neutralized in 1.5 M NaCl in 0.5 M Tris-HCl pH 8, and allowed to air dry. Hybridization, washing and autoradiography were all performed as described in Maniatis et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual (1982) Cold Spring Harbor, New York.

Sixty-five clones were selected which had more intense hybridization signals with fruit cDNA than with leaf cDNA and therefore appeared to be under-represented in the leaf mRNA population relative to the fruit population. Replicate slot blot filters were prepared using purified DNA from the selected clones and hybrid-

ized with radioactive cDNA from leaf, green fruit, and red fruit as before. This allowed selection of cDNA clone 2A11, also referred to as pCGN1299 which is on at high levels in both the fruit stages (red and green) and off in the leaf.

Example 2

Analysis of Clones

Synthesis of RNA Probes

The cDNA insert of pCGN1299 was excised as an EcoRI to HindIII fragment of approximately 600 bp (as measured on an agarose gel), and subcloned into the Riboprobe vector pGEM1 (Promega Biotec), creating pCGN488. ^{32}P-labeled transcripts made from each strand of the pCGN488 insert using either SP6 or T7 polymerase were used as probes in separate Northern blots containing mRNA from leaf, immature green and mature red fruits. The RNA transcript from the SP6 promoter did not hybridize to the tomato mRNA. However, the transcript from the T7 promoter hybridized to an mRNA of approximately 700 nt in length from the green fruit and the red fruit but not to mRNA from tomato leaf. The direction of transcription of the corresponding mRNA was thus determined.

The tissue specificity of the pCGN1299 cDNA was demonstrated as follows. RNA from root, stem, leaf, and seven stages of fruit development (immature green, mature green, breaker, turning, pink, light red, and red) was sized on formaldehyde/agarose gels according to the method described by Maniatis et al., (1982), immobilized on nitrocellulose and hybridized to ^{32}P-labeled RNA which was synthesized in vitro from pCGN488 using T7 polymerase. Each lane contained 100 ng of polyA$^+$ RNA except for two lanes (pink and light red lanes) which contained 10 ug of total RNA. The Northern analysis of mRNA from root, stem, leaf, and various stages of fruit development indicated that

pCGN1299 cDNA was expressed in all stages of fruit development from the early stages immediately after anthesis to red ripe fruit. No mRNA hybridizing to pCGN1299 was found in leaf, stem, or root tissue. The size of the mRNA species hybridizing to the pCGN488 probe was approximately 700 nt.

Message abundance corresponding to the pCGN1299 cDNA was determined by comparing the hybridization intensity of a known amount of RNA synthesized in vitro from pCGN488 using SP6 polymerase to mRNA from red tomato fruit in a Northern blot. The ^{32}P-labeled transcript from pCGN488 synthesized in vitro using T7 polymerase was used as a probe. The Northern analysis was compared to standards which indicated that the pCGN1299 cDNA represents an abundant mRNA class in tomato fruit, being approximately 1% of the message.

Example 3
Sequencing of pCGN1299 and pCGN1298 cDNA Clones

DNA Sequencing

The polyA+ sequence was missing from pCGN1299 cDNA. A longer cDNA clone, pCGN1298, therefore was identified by its hybridization with the pCGN488 probe. The complete DNA sequence of the two cDNA inserts was determined using both Maxam-Gilbert and the Sanger dideoxy techniques and is as follows. The sequence of pCGN1298 contains additional sequences at both the 5' and 3' end compared to pCGN1299. As shown in Figure 1, the sequences are identical over the region that the two clones have in common.

Amino Acid Sequence

The pCGN1299 cDNA sequence was translated in three frames. The longest open reading frame (which starts from the first ATG) is indicated. Both pCGN1299 and pCGN1298 have an open reading frame which encodes a

96 amino acid polypeptide (see Figure 1). The protein has a hydrophobic N-terminus which may indicate a leader peptide for protein targeting. A hydrophobicity profile was calculated using the Hopp and Woods, (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA (1981) 78:3824-3828) algorithm. Residues 10-23 have an extremely hydrophobic region. A comparison of 2A11 to pea storage proteins and other abundant storage proteins is shown in Figure 2. The sulfur-rich composite of the fruit-specific protein is similar to a pea storage protein which has recently been described (see Higgins et al., J. Biol. Chem. (1986) 261:11124-11130, for references to the individual peptides). This may indicate a storage role for this fruit-specific protein abundant species.

Example 4
Screening Genomic Library for Genomic Clones

Southern Hybridization

Southern analysis was performed as described by Maniatis et al., 1982. Total tomato DNA from cultivar UC82B was digested with EcoRI or HindIII, separated by agarose gel electrophoresis and transferred to nitrocellulose. Southern hybridization was performed using a ^{32}P-labeled probe produced by nick translation of pCGN488 (Maniatis et al., 1982). The simple hybridization pattern indicated that the gene encoding pCGN1299 cDNA was present in a few or perhaps even one copy in a tomato genome.

Isolation of a Genomic Clone

A genomic library established in Charon35/Sau3A constructed from DNA of the tomato cultivar VFNT-Cherry was screened using the [^{32}P]-RNA from cDNA clone pCGN488 as a probe. A genomic clone containing approximately 12.5 kb of sequence from the tomato genome was isolated. The region which hybridizes to a pCGN488

probe spans an XbaI restriction site which was found in the cDNA sequence and includes the transcriptional initiation region designated 2A11.

Sequence of Genomic Clone

The DNA sequence of the genomic clone was determined by Sanger dideoxy techniques and is as shown in Figure 4. The sequence of the genomic clone is identical to the pCGN1299 cDNA clone over the region they have in common.

Subcloning

The region surrounding the XbaI restriction site, approximately 2.4 kb in the 5' direction and approximately 2.1 kb in the 3' direction was subcloned to provide an expression cassette. The 5' XhoI to XbaI fragment and the 3' XbaI to EcoRI fragment from the 2A11 genomic clone were inserted into a pUC-derived chloromphenicol plasmid containing a unique XhoI site and no XbaI site. This promoter cassette plasmid is called pCGN1273.

Example 5
Construction of Fruit-Specific Antisense Cassette

Insertion of Antisense Fragment

The 2A11 genomic fragment was tagged with PG antisense sequences by insertion of PG into the unique XbaI site of the pCGN1273 promoter cassette in the antisense orientation. The inserted sequences increased the size of the mRNA over the endogenous transcript, and thus the expression pattern of the construct could be compared to the endogenous gene by a single Northern hybridization in a manner analogous to the detection of a tuber-specific potato gene described by Eckes et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. 1986 205:14-22.

Example 6

Insertion of Tagged Genomic Construction Into Agrobacterium Binary Vectors

The tagged genomic construction is excised using the flanking XhoI restriction enzyme sites and is cloned into the unique SalI site of the binary plasmid pCGN783 containing a plant kanamycin resistance marker between the left and right borders to provide plasmid pCGN1269.

This plasmid binary vector in E. coli C2110 is conjugated into A. tumefaciens containing a disarmed Ti-plasmid capable of transferring the polygalacturonase antisense cassette and the kanamycin resistance cassette into the plant host genome.

The Agrobacterium system which is employed is A. tumefaciens PC2760 (G. Ooms et al., Plasmid (1982) 7:15-29; Hoekema et al., Nature (1983) 303:179-181; European Patent Application 84-200239.6, 2424183).

1. Construction of pCGN783

pCGN783 is a binary plasmid containing the left and right T-DNA borders of A. tumefaciens octopine Ti-plasmid pTiA6 (Currier and Nester, J. Bacteriol. (1976) 126:157-165) the gentamicin resistance gene of pPH1J1 (Hirsch et al., Plasmid (1984) 12:139-141), the 35S promoter of cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) (Gardner et al., Nucleic Acid Res. (1981) 9:1871-1880); the kanamycin resistance gene of Tn5 (Jorgensen, Mol. Gen. (1979) 177:65); and the 3' region from transcript 7 of pTiA6 (Currier and Nester, supra (1976)). A schematic diagram of the construction of pCGN783 is shown in Figure 3. (a) through (f) refer to the plasmid constructions detailed below.

(a) Construction of pCGN587

The HindIII-SmaI fragment of Tn5 containing the entire structural gene for APH3'II (Jorgensen et al., Mol. Gen. (1979) 177:65), was cloned into pUC8 (Vieira and Messing, Gene (1982) 19:259), converting the fragment into a HindIII-EcoRI fragment, since there is an EcoRI site immediately adjacent to the SmaI site. The PstI-EcoRI fragment containing the 3' portion of the APH3'II gene was then combined with an EcoRI-BamHI-SalI-PstI linker into the EcoRI site of pUC7 (pCGN546W). Since this construct does not confer kanamycin resistance, kanamycin resistance was obtained by inserting the BglI-PstI fragment of the APH3'II gene into the BamHI-PstI site (pCGN546X). This procedure reassembles the APH3'II gene, so that EcoRI sites flank the gene. An ATG codon was upstream from and out of reading frame with the ATG initiation codon of APH3'II. The undesired ATG was avoided by inserting a Sau3A-PstI fragment from the 5' end of APH3'II, which fragment lacks the superfluous ATG, into the BamHI-PstI site of pCGN546W to provide plasmid pCGN550. The EcoRI fragment of pCGN550 containing the APH3'II gene was then cloned into the EcoRI site of pUC8-pUC13 (K. Buckley supra (1985)) to give pCGN551.

Each of the EcoRI fragments containing the APH3'II gene was then cloned into the unique EcoRI site of pCGN451, which contains an octopine synthase cassette for expression to provide pCGN548 (2ATG)) and pCGN552 (1ATG). The plasmid pCGN451 having the ocs 5' and the ocs 3' in the proper orientation was digested with EcoRI and the EcoRI fragment from pCGN551 containing the intact kanamycin resistance gene inserted with EcoRI site to provide pCGN552 having the kanamycin resistance gene in the proper orientation. This ocs/KAN gene was used to provide a selectable marker for the trans type binary vector pCGN587.

The 5' portion of the engineered octopine synthase promoter cassette consists of pTiA6 DNA from the XhoI at bp 15208-13644 (Barker et al., supra (1983)), which also contains the T-DNA boundary sequence (border) implicated in T-DNA transfer. In the plasmid pCGN587, the osc/KAN gene from pCGN552 provides a selectable marker as well as the right border. The left boundary region was first cloned in M13mp9 as a HindIII-SmaI piece (pCGN502) (base pairs 602-2212) and recloned as a KpnI-EcoRI fragment in pCGN565 to provide pCGN580. pCGN565 is a cloning vector based on pUC8-Cm, but containing pUC18 linkers. pCGN580 was linearized with BamHI and used to replace the smaller BglI fragment of pVCK102 (Knauf and Nester, Plasmid (1982) 8:45), creating pCGN585. By replacing the smaller SalI fragment of pCGN585 with the XhoI fragment from pCGN552 containing the ocs/KAN gene, pCGN587 was obtained.

(b) Construction of pCGN739 (Binary Vector)

To obtain the gentamicin resistance marker, the resistance gene was isolated from a 3.1 kb EcoRI-PstI fragment of pPHIJI (Hirsch et al., Plasmid (1984) 12:139-141) and cloned into pUC9 (Vieira et al., Gene (1982) 19:259-268) yielding pCGN549.

The pCGN549 HindIII-BamHI fragment containing the gentamicin resistance gene replaced the HindIII-BglII fragment of pCGN587 (for construction, see 6.1(a), supra) creating pCGN594.

The pCGN594 HindIII-BamHI region which contains an ocs-kanamycin-ocs fragment was replaced with the HindIII-BamHI polylinker region from pUC18 (Yanisch-Perron, Gene (1985) 33:103-119) to make pCGN739.

(c) Construction of 726c (1 ATG-Kanamycin-3' region)

pCGN566 contains the EcoRI-HindIII linker of pUC18 (Yanisch-Perron, ibid) inserted into the EcoRI-HindIII sites of pUC13-Cm (K. Buckley, Ph.D. Thesis,

University of California, San Diego, 1985). The HindIII-BglII fragment of pNW31c-8, 29-1 (Thomashow et al., Cell (1980) 19:729) containing ORF1 and 2 (Barker et al., Plant Mol. Biol. (1984) 2:335-350) was subcloned into the HindIII-BamHI sites of pCGN566 producing pCGN703.

The Sau3A fragment of pCGN703 containing the 3' region of transcript 7 from pTiA6 (corresponding to bases 2396-2920 of pTi15955 (Barker et al., supra (1984)) was subcloned into the BamHI site of pUC18 (Yanisch-Perron et al., supra (1985)) producing pCGN709.

The EcoRI-SmaI polylinker region of pCGN709 was replaced with the EcoRI-SmaI fragment from pCGN587 (see 6.1(a), supra) which contains the kanamycin resistance gene (APH3'II) producing pCGN726.

The EcoRI-SalI fragment of pCGN726 plus the BglII-SalI sites of pUC8-pUC13-cm (chloramphenical resistant, K. Buckley, Ph.D. Thesis, University of California, San Diego, 1985) producing pCGN738. To construct pCGN734, the HindIII-SphI site of M13mp19 (Norrander et al., Gene (1983) 26:101-106). Using an oligonucleotide corresponding to bases 3287 to 3300, DNA synthesis was primed from this template. Following S1 nuclease treatment and HindIII digestion, the resulting fragment was cloned into the HindIII-SmaI site of pUC19 (Yanisch-Perron et al., supra (1985)). The resulting EcoRI to HindIII fragment of pTiA6 (corresponding to bases 3390-4494) into the EcoRI site of pUC8 (Vieira and Messing, supra (1982)) resulting in pCGN734. pCGN726c is derived from pCGN738 by deleting the 900 bp EcoRI-EcoRI fragment.

(d) Construction of pCGN167

pCGN167 is a construct containing a full length CaMV promoter, 1 ATG-kanamycin gene, 3' end and the bacterial Tn903-type kanamycin gene. MI is an EcoRI fragment from pCGN550 (see construction of pCGN587) and was cloned into the EcoRI cloning site in the 1 ATG-

kanamycin gene proximal to the polylinker region of M13mp9. See copending Application Serial No. 920,579, filed October 17, 1986, which disclosure is incorporated herein by reference.

To construct pCGN167, the AluI fragment of CaMV (bp 7144-7735) (Gardner et al., Nucl. Acids Res. (1981) 9:2871-2888) was obtained by digestion with AluI and cloned into the HincII site of M13mp7 (Vieira, Gene (1982) 19:259) to create C614. An EcoRI digest of C614 produced the EcoRI fragment from C614 containing the 35S promoter which was cloned into the EcoRI site of pUC8 (Vieira et al., Gene (1982) 19:259) to produce pCGN146. To trim the promoter region, the BglII site (bp 7670) was treated with BglII and Bal31 and subsequently a BglII linker was attached to the Bal31 treated DNA to produce pCGN147.

pCGN148a containing the promoter region, selectable marker (KAN with 2 ATGs) and 3' region was prepared by digesting pCGN528 (see below) with BglII and inserting the BamHI-BglII promoter fragment from pCGN147. This fragment was cloned into the BglII site of pCGN528 so that the BglII site was proximal to the kanamycin gene of pCGN528.

The shuttle vector used for this construct, pCGN528, was made as follows. pCGN525 was made by digesting a plasmid containing Tn5 which harbors a kanamycin gene (Jorgenson et al., Mol. Gen. (1979) 177:65) with HindIII-BamHI and inserting the BindIII-BamHI fragment containing the kanamycin gene into the HindIII-BamHI sites in the tetracycline gene of pACYC184 (Chang and Cohen, J. Bacteriol. (1978) 134: 1141-1156). pCGN526 was made by inserting the BamHI fragment 19 of pTiA6 (Thomashow et al., Cell (1980) 19:729-739) into the BamHI site of pCGN525. pCGN528 was obtained by deleting the small XhoI fragment from pCGN526 by digesting with XhoI and religating.

pCGN149a was made by cloning the BamHI kanamycin gene fragment from pMB9KanXXI into the BamHI site of pCGN148a. pMB9KanXXI is a pUC4K variant (Vieira and Messing, Gene (1982) 19:259-268) which has the XhoI site missing but contains a functional kanamycin gene from Tn903 to allow for efficient selection in Agrobacterium.

pCGN149a was digested with BglII and SphI. This small BglII-SphI fragment of pCGN149a was replaced with the BamHI-SphI fragment from MI (see below) isolated by digestion with BamHI and SphI. This produces pCGN167.

(e) Construction of pCGN766c (35S promoter-3' region)

The HindIII-BamHI fragment of pCGN167 containing the CaMV-35S promoter, 1 ATG-kanamycin gene and the BamHI fragment 19 of pTiA6 was cloned into the BamHI-HindIII sites of pUC19 (Norrander et al., supra (1985); Yanisch-Perron et al., supra (1985)) creating pCGN976.

The 35S promoter and 3' region from transcript 7 was developed by inserting a 0.7 kb HindIII-EcoRI fragment of pCGN976 (35S promoter) and the 0.5 kb EcoRI-SalI fragment of pCGN709 (transcript 7:3' for construction see supra) into the HindIII-SalI sites of pCGN566 creating pCGN766c.

(f) Final Construction of pCGN783

The 0.7 kb HindIII-EcoRI fragment of pCGN766c (CaMV-35S promoter) was ligated to the 1.5 kb EcoRI-SalI fragment of pCGN726c (1-ATG-KAN-3' region) into the HindIII-SalI sites of pUC119 (J. Vieira, Rutgers University, New Jersey) to produce pCGN778. The 2.2 kb region of pCGN778, HindIII-SalI fragment containing the CaMV 35S promoter (1-ATG-KAN-3' region) replaced the HindIII-SalI polylinker region of pCGN739 to produce pCGN783.

Example 7

Transfer of Genomic Construction to Tomato via Cocultivation

Substantially sterile tomato cotyledon tissue is obtained from seedlings which have been grown at 24°C, with a 16hr/8hr day/night cycle in 100x25 mm petri dishes containing Murashige-Skoog salt medium and 0.8% agar (pH 6.0). Any tomato species may be used, however, here the inbred breeding line was UC82B, available from the Department of Vegetable Crops, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. The cotyledons are cut into three sections and the middle placed onto feeder plates for a 24-hour preincubation. The feeder plates are prepared by pipetting 0.5 ml of a tobacco suspension culture ($\tilde{1}0^6$ cells/ml) onto 0.8% agar medium, containing Murashige minimal organic medium (K.C. Biologicals), 2,4-D (0.1 mg/l), kinetin (1 mg/l), thiamine (0.9 mg/l) and potassium acid phosphate (200 mg/l, pH 5.5). The feeder plates are prepared two days prior to use. A sterile 3 mm filter paper disk containing feeder medium is placed on top of the tobacco cells after the suspension cells are grown for two days.

Following the preincubation period, the middle one third of the cotyledon sections are placed into a liquid MG/L broth culture (1-5 ml) of the A. tumefaciens strain. The binary plasmid pCGN1269 is transferred to A. tumefaciens strain 2760 by conjugation or by transformation selecting for Gentamicin resistance encoded by the plasmid pCGN1269. The cotyledon sections are cocultivated with the bacteria for 48 hrs on the feeder plates and then transferred to regeneration medium containing 500 mg/l carbenicillin and 100 mg/l kanamycin. The regeneration medium is a K.C. Biologicals Murashige-Skoog salts medium with zeatin (2 mg/l) myo-inositol (100 mg/l), sucrose (20 g/l), Nitsch vitamins and containing 0.8% agar (pH 6.0). In 2-3 weeks, shoots are observed to develop. When the shoots are

approximately 1.25 cm, they are excised and transferred to a Murashige and Skoog medium containing carbenicillin (500 mg/l) and kanamycin (50 mg/l) for rooting. Roots develop within 10-12 days.

Shoots which develop and subsequently root on media containing the kanamycin are tested for APH3'II enzyme.

An aminoglycoside phosphotransferase enzyme (APH3'II) assay is conducted on putative transformed tomato plants and shoots. APH3'II confers resistance to kanamycin and neomycin. APH3'II activity is assayed (Reiss et al., Gene (1984) 30:211-218) employing electrophoretic separation of the enzyme from other interfering proteins and detection of its enzymatic activity by in situ phosphorylation of kanamycin. Both kanamycin and [γ-^{32}P] ATP act as substrates and are embedded in an agarose gel which is placed on top of the polyacrylamide gel containing the proteins. After the enzymatic reaction, the phosphorylated kanamycin is transferred to P-81 phosphocellulose ion exchange paper and the radiolabeled kanamycin is finally visualized by autoradiography. The Reiss et al. method is modified in the final washing of the P-81 ion exchange paper by rinsing in 0.1 mg/ml of proteinase K.

Example 8

Construction of Tagged 2A11 Plasmids In Binary Vectors

The complete sequence of the 2A11 genomic DNA cloned into pCGN1273 from the XhoI site (position 1 at the 5' end) to the EcoRI site (position 4654) is shown in Figure 4.

pCGN1267 was constructed by deleting from pCGN1273 a portion of the plasmid polylinker from the EcoRV site to the BamHI site. Two DNA sequences were inserted into pCGN1273 at the unique XbaI site (position 2494). This site is in the 3' non-coding region of the 2A11 genomic clone before the poly A site.

pCGN1273 was tagged with 360 bp (from base number 1 to 360) from the 5' region of the tomato polygalacturonase (PG) cDNA clone, F1 (Sheehy et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. (1987) 208:30-36) at the unique XbaI restriction enzyme site. The tag was inserted in the antisense orientation resulting in plasmid pCGN1271 and in the sense orientation yielding plasmid pCGN1270. Each plasmid was linearized at the unique BglII restriction enzyme site and cloned into the binary vector pCGN783 at the unique BamHI restriction enzyme site.

pCGN1273 was also tagged with a 0.5 kb fragment of DNA (base number 1626 to 2115) from a PG genomic clone (see Figure 5) which spans the 5' end of the intron/exon junction. This fragment was cloned into the XbaI site resulting in plasmid pCGN1215. pCGN1215 was linearized at the unique BglII site and cloned into pCGN783 at the BamHI site resulting in two plasmids, pCGN1219 and pCGN1220, which differ only in the orientation of pCGN1215 within pCGN783.

Three DNA sequences were inserted into pCGN1267 at the unique ClaI sites (position 2402, 2406). These sites are in the 3' non-coding region of the 2A11 genomic clone, 21 bp from the stop codon. The 383 bp XbaI fragment from the PG cDNA clone was cloned into the ClaI site of pCGN1267 after filling in the XbaI and ClaI ends with Klenow and blunt ligation. The fragment in a sense orientation resulted in plasmid pCGN1263 and in the antisense orientation gave pCGN1262. pCGN1263 was linearized at the unique BglII site and cloned into pCGN783 at the BamHI site yielding pCGN1260. pCGN1262 was also linearized at the BglII site and cloned into pCGN783 at the BamHI site resulting in two plasmids, pCGN1255 and pCGN1258, which differ only in the orientation of pCGN1262 in the binary vector pCGN783.

The 0.5 kb fragment of the PG genomic clone spanning the intron/exon junction (supra) was cloned into pCGN1267 at the ClaI site in an antisense direc-

tion yielding plasmid pCGN1225. This plasmid was linearized at the BglII restriction enzyme site and cloned into pCGN783 at the BamHI site producing two plasmids, pCGN1227 and pCGN1228, which differ only in the orientation of pCGN1225 in the binary vector.

The Eco7 fragment (base numbers 5545 to 12,823) (Barker et al., Plant Mol. Biol. (1983) 2:335-350) from the octopine plasmid pTiA6 of A. tumefaciens (Knauf and Nester, Plasmid (1982) 8:45-54) was subcloned into pUC19 at the EcoRI site resulting in plasmid pCGN71. A RsaI digest allowed a fragment of DNA from bases 8487 to 9036 of the Eco7 fragment to be subcloned into the vector m13 BlueScript Minus (Stratagene, Inc.) at the SmaI site resulting in plasmid pCGN1278. This fragment contains the coding region of the genetic locus designated tmr which encodes a dimethylallyl transferase (isopentenyl transferase) (Akiyoshi et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA (1984) 81:5994-5998; Barry et al., ibid (1984) 81:4776-4780). An exonuclease/mung bean treatment (Promega Biotech) produced a deletion on the 5' end of the tmr gene to a point 39 base pairs 5' of the start codon. The tmr gene from pCGN1272 was subcloned into the ClaI site of pCGN1267. The tmr gene in the sense orientation yielded pCGN1261 and in the antisense orientation gave plasmid pCGN1266. pCGN1261 was linearized at the BglII site and cloned into pCGN783 at the BamHI site resulting in plasmid pCGN1254. pCGN1266 was also linearized at the BglII site and subcloned into pCGN783 at the BamHI site yielding two plasmids, pCGN1264 and pCGN1265, which differ only in the orientation of pCGN1266 in pCGN783.

Analysis of Expression in Transgenic Plants

Immature green fruit (approximately 3.2 cm in length) was harvested from two tomato plants cv. UC82B that had been transformed with a disarmed Agrobacterium

strain containing pCGN1264. Transgenic plants are designated 1264-1 and 1264-11. The pericarp from two fruits of each plant was ground to a powder under liquid N_2, total RNA extracted and polyA$^+$ mRNA isolated (as described in Mansson et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. (1985) 200:356-361). Young green leaves were also harvested from each plant and polyA$^+$ mRNA isolated.

Approximately 19 µg of total RNA from fruit, 70 ng of polyA$^+$ mRNA from fruit and 70 ng of polyA$^+$ mRNA from leaves from transformed plants 1264-1 and 1264-11 was run on a 0.7% agarose formaldehyde Northern gel and blotted onto nitrocellulose (Maniatis et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual (1982) Cold Spring Harbor, New York). Also included on the gel as a negative control was approximately 50 ng of polyA$^+$ mRNA from leaf and immature green fruit of a nontransformed UC82B plant.

As a positive control and to help in quantitating mRNA levels, in vitro transcribed RNA from pCGN1272 was synthesized using T3 polymerase (Stratagene, Inc.). Nineteen pg and 1.9 pg of this in vitro synthesized RNA were loaded on the Northern gel.

The probe for the Northern filter was the 1.0 kb tmr insert DNA (a KpnI to SacI fragment) from pCGN1272 isolated by electroelution from an agarose gel (Maniatis, supra (1982)) and labeled by nick translation (Bethesda Research Laboratory kit) using α^{32}P dCTP (Amersham).

The Northern filter was prehybridized at 42°C for 5 hrs in the following solution: 25 ml formamide, 12.5 ml 20X SSC, 2.5 ml 1 M NaP, 5 ml 50X Denhardts, 0.5 ml 10% SDS, 1 ml 250 mM EDTA, 1 ml 10 mg/ml ssDNA and 2 ml H_2O. Then one-fifth volume of 50% dextran sulfate and approximately 2.2X 10^7 cpm of the probe was added and hybridization was for 15 hrs at 42°C.

The Northern filter was washed one time in 2X SSC and 0.1% SDS at 55°C for 20 minutes each wash. The filter was allowed to air dry before being placed with Kodak XAR film and an intensifying screen at -70° for two days.

Northern Results on Transgenic Plants

The nicked tmr probe hybridized with a mRNA species approximately 1.7 kb in length was observed in the total RNA and polyA$^+$ mRNA fruit lanes of the Northern blot. This is the expected length of the reintroduced 2A11 gene (0.7 kb) tagged with the tmr gene (1.0 kb) in the antisense orientation. The level of expression from the reintroduced tagged gene is somewhat lower than the level of expression of the endogenous 2A11 gene. The level of expression of the reintroduced gene in immature green fruit is higher than the expression level in leaf tissue with a small amount of hybridizing mRNA in leaf tissue in these transformants.

Example 9
Screening Genomic Library for Polygalacturonase Genomic Clones

Isolation of a Genomic Clone

An EcoRI partial genomic library established in Charon 4 constructed from DNA of a Lycopersicon esculentum cultivar was screened using a probe from the polygalacturonase cDNA (Sheehy et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. (1987) 208:30-36). A lambda clone containing an approximately 16 kb insert was isolated from the library, of which an internal 2207 bp HindIII to EcoRI was sequenced. The HindIII-EcoRI fragment includes the polygalacturonse promoter region.

Sequence of Genomic Clone

The DNA sequence of the genomic clone was determined by Sanger dideoxy techniques and is as shown in Figure 5. The sequence of the genomic clone bases 1427 to 1748 are homologous to the polygalacturonase cDNA sequence.

The above results demonstrate the ability to identify inducible regulatory sequences in a plant genome, isolate the sequences and manipulate them. In this way, the production of transcription cassettes and expression cassettes can be produced which allow for differentiated cell production of the desired product. Thus, the phenotype of a particular plant part may be modified, without requiring that the regulated product be produced in all tissues, which may result in various adverse effects on the growth, health, and production capabilities of the plant. Particularly, fruit-specific transcription initiation capability is provided for modifying the phenotypic properties of a variety of fruits to enhance properties of interest such as processing, organoleptin properties, storage, yield, or the like.

E. coli strain pCGN1299x7118 was deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (A.T.C.C.), 12301 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, Maryland, 20852 on May 21, 1987 and given Accession No. 67408.

All publications and patent applications mentioned in this specification are indicative of the level of skill of those skilled in the art to which this invention pertains. All publications and patent applications are herein incorporated by reference to the same extent as if each individual publication or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference.

Although the foregoing invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it will be obvious that certain changes and modifications may be practiced within the scope of the appended claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A DNA construct comprising in the direction of transcription, a fruit-specific transcriptional initiation region from a gene expressed at or immediately after anthesis or at the breaker stage, said gene remaining expressed at least until the ripe period, joined to a DNA sequence of interest other than the wild-type sequence associated with said initiation region, wherein said DNA sequence of interest is under the transcriptional regulation of said initiation region, and a transcriptional termination region.

2. A DNA construct according to Claim 1, wherein said transcriptional initiation region is from a gene expressed immediately upon anthesis.

3. A DNA construct according to Claim 1, wherein said transcriptional initiation region regulates transcription of a gene encoding a plant storage protein.

4. A DNA construct according to Claim 3, wherein said transcriptional initiation region is the 2A11 region.

5. A DNA construct according to Claim 1, wherein said DNA sequence of interest is a sequence complementary to a native plant transcript.

6. A DNA construct according to Claim 1, wherein said DNA sequence of interest is an open reading frame encoding an amino acid sequence of interest.

7. A DNA construct according to Claim 1, wherein said DNA sequence of interest is a polygalacturonase gene or fragment thereof of at least 12nt in the antisense direction.

8. A DNA construct for integration into a plant genome comprising at least the right T-DNA border joined to a DNA construct according to Claim 1.

9. A DNA construct comprising in the direction of transcription, the fruit-specific transcriptional initiation region of a plant storage protein being active at or immediately after anthesis and remaining active until at least until the ripe period, joined to a DNA sequence other than the wild-type sequence, wherein said sequence comprises a unique restriction site for insertion of a sequence of interest to be under the transcriptional regulation of said initiation region, and a transcriptional termination region.

10. A DNA construct according to Claim 9, wherein said transcriptional initiation region is the 2A11 region.

11. A DNA construct for integration into a plant genome comprising at least the right T-DNA border joined to a DNA construct according to Claim 10.

12. A DNA vector comprising a broad spectrum prokaryotic replication system and a DNA construct according to Claim 1.

13. A DNA vector comprising a broad spectrum prokaryotic replication system and a DNA construct according to Claim 9.

14. A method for specifically modifying the phenotype of fruit substantially distinct from other plant tissue, said method comprising:

transforming a tomato plant cell with a DNA construct under genomic integration conditions, wherein said DNA construct comprises in the direction of transcription, a 2A11 fruit-specific transcriptional initiation region, joined to a DNA polygalacturonase gene sequence, wherein said sequence is oriented in the antisense direction and under the transcriptional regulation of said initiation region, and a transcriptional termination region, whereby said DNA construct becomes integrated into the genome of said plant cell, whereby said antisense sequence is transcribed and inhibits expression of polygalacturonase in fruit;

regenerating a plant from said transformed plant cell; and

growing said plant to produce fruit of the modified phenotype.

15. A method according to Claim 14, wherein said transcription initiation region is the 2A11 region.

16. A plant cell comprising a DNA construct according to Claim 1.

17. A plant cell comprising a DNA construct according to Claim 9.

18. A method for specifically modifying the phenotype of tomato fruit substantially distinct from other plant tissue, said method comprising:

transforming a plant cell with a DNA construct under genomic integration conditions, wherein said DNA construct comprises in the direction of transcription, a fruit-specific transcriptional initiation region being active at or immediately after anthesis, said gene remaining active at least until the ripe period, joined to a DNA sequence other than the wild-type sequence and capable of modifying the phenotype of fruit cells upon

transcription, wherein said sequence is under the transcriptional regulation of said initiation region, and a transcriptional termination region, whereby said DNA construct becomes integrated into the genome of said plant cell;

regenerating a plant from said transformed plant cell; and

growing said plant to produce fruit of the modified phenotype.

19. A plant comprising a DNA construct according to Claim 1.

20. A plant comprising a DNA construct according to Claim 9.

21. Fruit comprising a construct according to Claim 1.

22. Fruit according to Claim 21, wherein said fruit is tomato.

23. Fruit according to Claim 22, wherein said DNA sequence of interest is a polygalacturonase gene or fragment of at least 12nt thereof oriented in the antisense direction and said transcsription initiation region is 2A11.

24. Fruit according to Claim 21, wherein said transcription initiation region is 2A11.

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3H11    TTTTTTTGAGCAAAGGGCAACTCAGATATCCAAAGATGAATCCAACATATAGCTTACAGCTGGGAGAAC  69

3H11    ATTGTCTAACTCTTCTGAAATTTAAATGTTATCCAGAATCCTTCATCATAAAATAATATCAAAATGCAA 138

3H11    ATCTATTTTTTCTACTCTTGTCTAGCTTCAACTTTCTTCTTCTGCTCATCAATTAGCAATTAATCCAAA 207
2A11                                                TGCTCATCAATTAGCAATTAATCCAAA

3H11    ACCATTATGGCTGCCAAAAATTCAGAGATGAAGTTTGCTATCTTCTTCGTTGTTCTTTTGACGACCACT 276
2A11    ACCATTATGGCTGCCAAAAATTCAGAGATGAAGTTTGCTATCTTCTTCGTTGTTCTTTTGACGACCACT
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3H11    TTAGTTGATATGTCTGGAATTTCGAAAATGCAAGTGATGGCTCTTCGAGACATACCCCCACAAGAAACA 345
2A11    TTAGTTGATATGTCTGGAATTTCGAAAATGCAAGTGATGGCTCTTCGAGACATACCCCCACAAGAAACA
        LeuValAspMETSerGlyIleSerLysMETGlnValMETAlaLeuArgAspIleProProGlnGluThr

3H11    TTGCTGAAAATGAAGCTACTTCCCACAAATATTTTGGGACTTTGTAACGAACCTTGCAGCTCAAACTCT 414
2A11    TTGCTGAAAATGAAGCTACTTCCCACAAATATTTTGGGACTTTGTAACGAACCTTGCAGCTCAAACTCT
        LeuLeuLysMETLysLeuLeuProThrAsnIleLeuGlyLeuCysAsnGluProCysSerSerAsnSer

3H11    GATTGCATCGGAATTACCCTTTGCCAATTTTGTAAGGAGAAGACGGACCAGTATGGTTTAACATACCGT 483
2A11    GATTGCATCGGAATTACCCTTTGCCAATTTTGTAAGGAGAAGACGGACCAGTATGGTTTAACATACCGT
        AspCysIleGlyIleThrLeuCysGlnPheCysLysGluLysThrAspGlnTyrGlyLeuThrTyrArg

3H11    ACATGCAACCTGTTGCCTTGAACAATATCAATGATCTATCGATCGATCTATCTATCTATTTATCTGTCT 552
2A11    ACATGCAACCTGTTGCCTTGAACAATATCAATGATCTATCGATCGATCTATCTATCTATTTATCTGTCT
        ThrCysAsnLeuLeuPro .

3H11    CTGCGCGTATAGTGTTGTCTGTACCTTTGGTGTGAAGAATATGAATAAAGGGATACATATATCTAGATA 621
2A11    CTGCGCGTATAGTGTTGTCTGTACCTTTGGTGTGAAGAATATGAATAAAGGGATACATATATCTAGATA

3H11    TATTCTAGGTAATGTCCTATTGTATTTAAAATTTGTAGCAATGATTGTTTGAATAAAAACATACCATGA 690
2A11    TATTCTAGGTAATGTCCTATTGTATTTAAAATTTGTAGCAATGATTGTTTGAATAAAAACATACCATGA

3H11    GTGAAATAATTATTCCACATTAATTCACGTATTTATTTCACTTATGATACGTATTTTTGTTCCTTTCGC 759
2A11    GTGAAATAATTATTCC

3H11    GTAAAAAAAAAAAAA 774
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FIGURE 1

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(a)

2A11	(V)MALRDIPPQETLL
PA1b	(V)CSPFDIPPCGSPLCRCI
Chick pea inhibitor	(V)CT-KSIPP----QCRCN
Lima bean inhibitor	LCT-KSIPP----QCRCT
α_1-antitrypsin	LGAIPMSIPPEV

(b)

2A11	TNILGLCNEPCSSNSDCI
PA1b	GSPLCRCIPAGLVIGNCR
Barley chloroform/ methanol-soluble protein d	TNLLGNCR-FYLVQQTCA
Wheat α-amylase inhibitor 0.28	VSALTGCR-AMVKLQ-CV
Wheat albumin	VPALPACRPL-LRLQ-CN
Millet bi-functional inhibitor	NNPLDSCRWYV$S_A$$T_K$R-$T_A$CG
Castor bean 2S small subunit	QQNLRQCQEYIKQQVSGQ
Napin small subunit	AQNLRACQQWLNKQAMQS

FIGURE 2

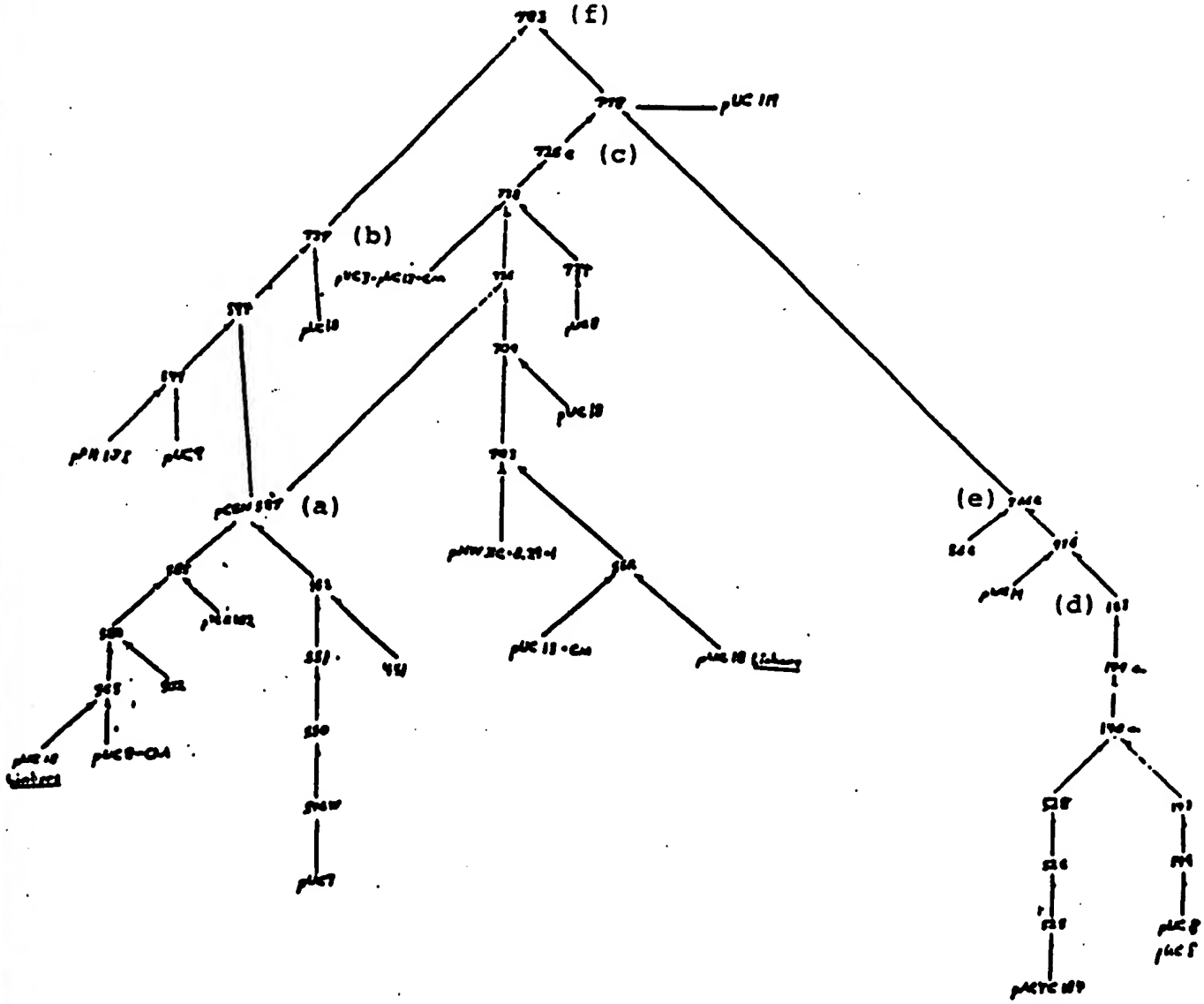

FIGURE 3

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        10         20         30         40         50         60         70
CTCGAGCCCT TTAAAAAGTA TAGTCAATAT TTAGMCTGAC CGTGAATTTC TTAATTATGA TATATAATTT
        80         90        100        110        120        130        140
AAAAGAAATC ATGATCACAT TCTACTGATG AGAACATGTG CTAATCAAGN GAAAACATGG ATGTGAAAAA
       150        160        170        180        190        200        210
TACTTTTTGT TAAAAGTAAA AAAAAATGTG AAATTTTGTT AGTTATTTAC LLCCTATACA TTATTTGAGT
       220        230        240        250        260        270        280
ATGTGCAAAC TTTACAAATA CCTAATAGAA GATTTTCACC TGCCTGTATA TATGTAAATT AATTATAATG
       290        300        310        320        330        340        350
AACACTCTCA CATAAAATAA TTATCAGTAT ATACATTAAT ACTTGCCCTC CACAATGAAT TAAATAAAAT
       360        370        380        390        400        410        420
GTAGAACATG ATCTACACTT CAATAAAACT AAGACCATAA AGAATAATTT CAAAATATAC ACATGTCAAC
       430        440        450        460        470        480        490
AATAAATTAT TTGCATATTA TATTAACTTA CTAAACAATC TTTACTTTTG AAATATAAAA ATAATCAAGT
       500        510        520        530        540        550        560
TATAAGTCTG CTCAAAGTAA AGNACTTGTT AGACTCATCT GATTTTGAGA AGGTAAGCAA ATTGATGGTG
       570        580        590        600        610        620        630
CATAATAGTC ACAAGTAAAA TATAAAATAG ATTTCATTAG TAAAATTGTT TTTTACTTTC TTTATATATA
       640        650        660        670        680        690        700
ATTATCAATA TCCTTCAATG GTAGGTTAAT TATATTGTTA ACTTCTTGTT GAATTAAAGC AATAAGACAA
       710        720        730        740        750        760        770
GAATATTAAA GATAAAAGAA CAATAAAAAT AGAAAGACTA AGACATAAGA GTTTTCTTAT TCTTCTTTCA
       780        790        800        810        820        830        840
ATAAGTATCA TCAAGTGTAT AGAATATAAA TTTTTGTATT TTTGATCTAT CTATTTATAA TGTTATATAT
       850        860        870        880        890        900        910
AAGCATACAA AAGATCAGTC ATAAATATGA CTTTAATCAT GAAAATAATG AAAGAGATTA TGAAGGCGTA
       920        930        940        950        960        970        980
AGGTTACTAG AATAATAGTC ATTAAAAAAA GGGGTTATCT TTATAATTGA ATAATTGATG AAGTAATGGA

       990       1000       1010       1020       1030       1040       1050
GATAATTAGT GAGCATAAAT TTTTTTAAAA AAATGGACTT TTACACTATA ATATTTTATA ACACTTTCCC
      1060       1070       1080       1090       1100       1110       1120
TTAAACATCT AGGTATAAAT AATGAGTCTT GTCAAAATCT TAGTAGGAAA AATTCTGTGA AATTTTTTTA
      1130       1140       1150       1160       1170       1180       1190
GTGAAAACAA ATGATATAAA TATCTTGAAT ACTCATTATT TGTTGTCTCA TTAAAAATCT TATCTGACCT
      1200       1210       1220       1230       1240       1250       1260
ATAAAATAAA TTATTTGCTC AACTCAAAAT AGTTTTTCAT TCTAAAATTA GTATAATTAT TAGTGAATAT
      1270       1280       1290       1300       1310       1320       1330
TTAATTAACA TAATTGTATA CTAAGGGGCC TATAAATTGG ATTCTTCTCA AAGAAAAATA AAATCACCAC
      1340       1350       1360       1370                             1393
ACAACTTTCT TCTTCTGCTC ATCAATTAGC AATTAATCCA AAACCATT ATG GCT GCC AAA AAT
                                                    MET Ala Ala Lys Asn
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                1408                1423                1438                1454
TCA GAG ATG AAG TTT GCT ATC TTC TTC GTT GTT CTT TTG ACG ACC ACT TTA CGTTCACAAC
Ser Glu MET Lys Phe Ala Ile Phe Phe Val Val Leu Leu Thr Thr Thr Leu
     1464       1474       1484       1494       1504       1514       1524
ACTTCTCCCT TATTTTGTTT TCTTAATTTC TTGGAAGTCA TATGCATGTG TTTGGTATCA TGGTATATAT
     1534       1544       1554       1564       1574       1584       1594
ATAAAGGAAA ATATTTTTCT TAATTACTGG TTTTCTAATG TTTGGTACGT AATCGGAAAT TATTATGAGA
     1604       1614       1624       1634       1644       1654       1664
TAATGAACTT GCAAAGTCAT TATTATATAA CTTTTTTTTT ATACTTTGAT TTAAGAATTC ATTTTTCTCA
     1674       1684       1694       1704       1714       1724       1734
TTTTATATAA ACTTATTTTT CAACAGAAAA TATTTTTCGA ACTATTCAAA CACACCCTAA GACATTACAT
     1744       1754       1764       1774       1784       1794       1804
ATATATATAT ATACACCCTC CGTTTTATAT TACTTAATGC CTATTGAGTT GCCCCACCCT TTAAGAATGA
     1814       1824       1834       1844       1854       1864       1874
TTCAATTAGA GATATGTTTT ACTAAATTAA CCTATGCTTT AAGACTCTAA ATTTGGCTAT TACTATTTTA
     1884       1894       1904       1914       1924       1934       1944
CGTTGTAATT TAATGACAAA CATTTCATAA TGACTATAGT CTGAACTTAA TTAGACAGAC GTATCTATAG
     1954       1964       1974       1984       1994       2004       2014
TTTGCTTACT AATGATTCAT AGCTATATAT TTGGAGAGGA GAGAGACAAA CGATATTAAG AAAGGGAGGA
     2024       2034       2044       2054       2064       2074       2084
GAGAGGCGAG GTAAATCTGA AATAGAGAAG AGAAAGGCAA CCAATTTTGA TCATCTATCA TACTTTTGAT
     2094       2104       2114       2124       2134       2144       2154
TATTATTTTT ATTATATGTA CGTTTACATT ACAGTTTTCG AATTCTTACA TTAATCTTAA TCATAATATA
                2173                2188                2203
TACA GTT GAT ATG TCT GGA ATT TCG AAA ATG CAA GTC ATG GCT CTT CGA GAC ATA
     Val Asp MET Ser Gly Ile Ser Lys MET Gln Val MET Ala Leu Arg Asp Ile
      2218                2233                2248                2263
CCC CCA CAA GAA ACA TTG CTG AAA ATG AAG CTA CTT CCC ACA AAT ATT TTG GGA
Pro Pro Gln Glu Thr Leu Leu Lys MET Lys Leu Leu Pro Thr Asn Ile Leu Gly
               2278                2293                2308
CTT TGT AAC GAA CCT TGC AGC TCA AAC TCT GAT TGC ATC GGA ATT ACC CTT TGC
Leu Cys Asn Glu Pro Cys Ser Ser Asn Ser Asp Cys Ile Gly Ile Thr Leu Cys
  2323                2338                2353                2368
CAA TTT TGT AAG GAG AAG ACG GAC CAG TAT GGT TTA ACA TAC CGT ACA TGC AAC
Gln Phe Cys Lys Glu Lys Thr Asp Gln Tyr Gly Leu Thr Tyr Arg Thr Cys Asn
           2383       2393       2403       2413       2423       2433
CTG TTG CCT TGA ACAATATCAA TGATCTATCG ATCGATCTAT CTATCTATTT ATCTGTCTCT
Leu Leu Pro  .
     2443       2453       2463       2473       2483       2493       2503
GCGCGTATAG TGTTGTCTGT ACGTTTGGTG TGAAGAATAT GAATAAAGCG ATACATATAT CTAGATATAT
     2513       2523       2533       2543       2553       2563       2573
TCTAGGTAAT GTCCTATTGT ATTTAAAATT TGTAGCAATG ATTGTTTGAA TAAAAACATA CCATGAGTGA
     2583       2593       2603       2613       2623       2633       2643
AATAATTATT CCACATTAAT TCACGTATTT ATTTCACTTA TGATACGTAT TTTTGTTCCT TTCGCGTAGA
     2653       2663       2673       2683       2693       2703       2713
TTTTTGATCC TTTTCCCTTT TGAATATTAA ACATTAAACA CAAATAATGT TTATTAAATT AAGTTAATAT
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      2723        2733        2743        2753        2763        2773        2783
TTTTATTTAG CTATTTATAT TTTTATTTGA AATCAAACTT GATAAATATT TATAAAGATA ATTAACAAGT
      2793        2803        2813        2823        2833        2843        2853
AATGTGACAC TAACACCATG TAATATTATC TTGTCGTTAT TTATGATAAT ATTTTAAAAT TATAATTTCA
      2863        2873        2883        2893        2903        2913        2923
GTTAAAAAAT TATTAAAAAA ACATACTTTT AAAAAGTGAG TTAGCCTCCG CTACCCACAT ACTTATGAAT
      2933        2943        2953        2963        2973        2983        2993
TGGACTAGTT GTTTTTTGAC CCACAAAAAG AATGGGCTAA TTAAACCTGA CCTATCAAAT TTCAGAATCT
      3003        3013        3023        3033        3043        3053        3063
GCATAGATTA GTCCGAACGA AATGAGTCAG CCCGTATTGA ACAAAATATC AACAAGGACG TTATGTAAAG
      3073        3083        3093        3103        3113        3123        3133
ATGTTTAAGA AGGAAAAAAG ATTTCTAATA CATATGGACT TTCAATATCC CAACTTTGTC TGGCGATCTG
      3143        3153        3163        3173        3183        3193        3203
AACCCTGCTT AGTTTGTTGA TCATTAACTT GTCTTGCTAT GTATTTAAGA TTTAAACTTT ATATGTTTAA
      3213        3223        3233        3243        3253        3263        3273
ACTTACAGAA AATACATATA AATCTCTCAA GACTTGGCAA CATAATTTAC TTTAGTACTT AAACTACATG
      3283        3293        3303        3313        3323        3333        3343
AAAATTTAAA TATCCTTTTA ACATCTTTGA AGTGAATTAA ATTATCACAA TCCGAGCCTA CACCTTGGAC
      3353        3363        3373        3383        3393        3403        3413
GTGGCCGGCA CTCAAGAACC AGTGCTGGTC CCCAAGCTAA CCCTCATCCT GACTGACTAC AAGCGGAAGG
      3423        3433        3443        3453        3463        3473        3483
CTAACTTAAG TATACAAAAG CTTAAAACTG AATAAAATAA ACTTTACAAG GTTTTAACAC AAATGAACAA
      3493        3503        3513        3523        3533        3543        3553
CTTTGAAGAA AATAATATAT TCAACTAGCC ATAAAATAGA CAACTTTAGT CTTTAAAACA TTTAATAAAA
      3563        3573        3583        3593        3603        3613        3623
TAAATGCAAA ATATAGACTC CTTAACTAAA CTGACTATCT ATGGAGCCTC TAATTGATAA AGATGGAAGT
      3633        3643        3653        3663        3673        3683        3693
CGCGACAAGA CCACGACATC CTGACTAAAC TGAGAAGTAA ATAAAATCCC CCGGAAAAAA AGGAGCCTCA
      3703        3713        3723        3733        3743        3753        3763
CCATGGCTAA CTCGAACTCG GGGATATATC AATGAAGCTC CTGTTGATGA TCTTGAAGAC ATGTCTCTGC
      3773        3783        3793        3803        3813        3823        3833
ATCATCAAAA AGATGCAGGC CAAATGGCTC AGTACGTAAA ATGTACGAGT ATGTAAGGGA AATTCTAAAG
      3843        3853        3863        3873        3883        3893        3903
TATAACATAA GCTTGATACT TGAATAAAAG GAAACATACT TACCTCTTTT CAACTCAACT CAAATTAAGA
      3913        3923        3933        3943        3953        3963        3973
ATAAGATACT CAACTCAAAG ATTAGGTATT CAACGCAAAT ATGGCACTCT ACTCAATGAA GTACAAATTA
      3983        3993        4003        4013        4023        4033        4043
ACTCACGATA CTCGACTTAA GATACTCAAC TCCCGACACT CAACTGAACT CATTTCAATA TAAAGCAGCT
      4053        4063        4073        4083        4093        4103        4113
TAAAACAAGT TCAGTATAAA GTAAAGTTGT TTAAAAACAT GATGTCAACT CTGTGTGTAT AATAAGGGAT
      4123        4133        4143        4153        4163        4173        4183
ACAACATAAC TTTGAAATGT ATATAAAAAT ACAATTAACT GATGTATATA AAAATACATT AATCTATGCG
      4193        4203        4213        4223        4233        4243        4253
AGATTCTCTA ACCGACAACC ATCACTTAAG GGCTAAGATG ATGATATAGC GATCTACCGC ACGCTGCCAT
      4263        4273        4283        4293        4303        4313        4323
CGCATCTTAT ACCCGGCCAA AGGTATAAGA CCTGAACTGC CTAATGAATC CACTAATAAA CTGTTAAAAG
      4333        4343        4353        4363        4373        4383        4393
GAATCATCTA AAAAGTATGA CCCTTTTCTA CCCATAGTGG CTAACATGGT TTATGGGGGC TGTGAGTTAT
      4403        4413        4423        4433        4443        4453        4463
CTGAACTCTC CCCCATATCG GTGCTCAATA CTACTCCAAA AAATATACTG CTCTTATGTT TAAAAACATA
      4473        4483        4493        4503        4513        4523        4533
CTGATTCTGT GGTTTGAAAT TATTGCTTAA AGCTTAGATT TTTGAAAAGC TCTCTTTTGA AAATCGTAGT
      4543        4553        4563        4573        4583        4593        4603
TTCCTTTTTC TTCTATTAAA GCTAGACATA GGCTATGTAG AACTCTAGCT TACCTTCGTT CTCAAAAGTT
      4613        4623        4633        4643        4653
TGAAAACATT TGCTTAGATT CTTAGCGACT ACTTAGTTCC CTTGTTGGAA TTC
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          10         20         30         40         50         60         70
AAGCTTCTTA AAAAGGCAAA TTGATTAATT TGAAGTCAAA ATAATTAATT ATAACAGTGG TAAAGCACCT

          80         90        100        110        120        130        140
TAAGAAACCA TAGTTTGAAA GGTTACGAAT GCGGCTATATA TTAATCGACT TGATAATATA AAAAAAATTT

         150        160        170        180        190        200        210
CAATTCGAAA AGGGCCTAAA ATATTCTCAA AGTATTCGAA ATGGTACAAA ACTACGATCC GTCGACGTAT

         220        230        240        250        260        270        280
TGACTCGAAA ATAAAATTAT TATCCACCTT TGAGTTTAAA ATTGACTACT TATATAACAA TTCTAAATTT

         290        300        310        320        330        340        350
AAACTATTTT AATACTTTTA AAAATACATG GCGTTCAAAT ATTTAATATA ATTTAATTTA TGAATATCAT

         360        370        380        390        400        410        420
TTATAAACCA ACCAACTACC AACTCATTAA TCATTAAATC CCACCCAAAT TCTACTATCA AAATTGTCCT

         430        440        450        460        470        480        490
AAACACTACT AAAACAAGAC GAAATTGTTC GAGTCCGAAT CGAAGCACCA ATCTAATTTA GGTTGAGCCC

         500        510        520        530        540        550        560
CATATTTAGG ACCACACTTT CAATAGTATT TTTTTCAAGC ATGAATTTGA AATTTAAGAT TAATGGTAAA

         570        580        590        600        610        620        630
GAAGTAGTAC ATCCCGAATT AATTCATGCC TTTTTTAAAT ATAATTATAT AAATATTTAT CATTTGTTTT

         640        650        660        670        680        690        700
AAATATTAAA ACTTGAATAT ATTATTTTTT TAAAAATTAT CTATTAAGTA CCATCACATA ATTGAGACGA

         710        720        730        740        750        760        770
AGCAATAATT AAGATGAACA TAGTGTTTAA TTAGTAATGG ATGGGTAGTA AATTTATTTA TAAATTATAT

         780        790        800        810        820        830        840
CAATAAGTTA AATTATAACA AATATTTGAG CGCCATGTAT CTTAAAAAAT ATTAAATAGT TTGAATTTAA

         850        860        870        880        890        900        910
AACCGTTAGA TAAATCGTCA ATTTTGAACC CAAAAGTCGA TGAGAAGGGT ATTTTAGACC CAATAGCGGG

         920        930        940        950        960        970        980
ATGAGAAGGA TATTTTCAAG CCAATATGTG ATGCATCAAG GATAATTTTG TATCATTTCT AATACTTTAA

         990       1000       1010       1020       1030       1040       1050
AGATATTTTA GGTCATTTTC CCTTCTTTAG TTTATAGACT ATAGTGTTAG TTCATCGAAT ATCATCTATT

        1060       1070       1080       1090       1100       1110       1120
ATTTCCGTCT TAAATTATTT TTTATTTTAT AAATTTTTTA AAAATAAATT ATTTTTTCCA TTTAACTTTG

        1130       1140       1150       1160       1170       1180       1190
ATTGTAATTA ATTTTTAAAA ATTACCAACA TATAAATAAA ATTAATATTT AACAAACAAT TGTAACATAA

        1200       1210       1220       1230       1240       1250       1260
TATTTTTTTA ATTATTCAAA ATAAATATTT TTAAACATCA TATAAAAGAA ATACGACAAA AAAATTGAGA

        1270       1280       1290       1300       1310       1320       1330
CGGGAGAAGA CAAGCCAGAC AAAAATGTCC AAGAAACTCT TTCGTCTAAA TATCTCTCAT CCAAACTAAT

        1340       1350       1360       1370       1380       1390       1400
ATAATACCCA TTATAATTAA CCATATTGAC CAACTCAAAC CGCTTAAAAT CTATAAATAG ACAAACCCTT

        1410       1420       1430       1440       1450       1460       1470
CCCATACCTC TTATCATAAA AAAAATAATA ATCTTTTTCA ATAGACAAGT TTAAAAACCA TACCATATAA
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      1480       1490       1500       1510       1520       1530       1540
CAATATATCA TGGTTATCCA AAGGAATAGT ATTGTCGTTC TCATTATTAT TTTTGCTTCA TCAATTTCAA

      1550       1560       1570       1580       1590       1600       1610
CTTGTAGAAG CAATGTTATT GATGACAATT TATTCAAACA AGTTTATGAT AATATTCTTG AACAAGAATT

      1620       1630       1640       1650       1660       1670       1680
TGCTCATGAT TTTCAAGCTT ATCTTTCTTA TTTGAGCAAA AATATTGAAA GCAACAATAA TATTGACAAG

      1690       1700       1710       1720       1730       1740       1750
GTTGATAAAA ATGGGATTAA AGTGATTAAT GTACTTAGCT TTGGAGCTAA GGGTGATGGA AAAACATATG

      1760       1770       1780       1790       1800       1810       1820
ATAATATTGT AAGTATTTAA ATATTGGAAT ATATTTGTGG GGATGAAAAT GATAGAGAAT ATAAGAATTA

      1830       1840       1850       1860       1870       1880       1890
TTTGGAAGGA TGAAAAGTTA TATTTTATAA AGTAGAAAAT TATTTTCTCG TTTTTAGTAA TTAAAGGTGA

      1900       1910       1920       1930       1940       1950       1960
AAAATGAGTT TTCTCGTAAG CGAGGAAAGT CATTTTCCAT GGAACTGTAT TTTTTTTTTA CTTTTAATAA

      1970       1980       1990       2000       2010       2020       2030
CGTCATAGTA TTTGCTATAC TCAAGAATAA GACACTATTA TTGATGTTTA GTGCTCGAAA AGAAATTGAT

      2040       2050       2060       2070       2080       2090       2100
AGTAATTTTG CTAATATAAC TATCAATTTC TTATATGTAT ATTTTTCAAC CAAAATAACA AAGCGTAATC

      2110       2120       2130       2140       2150       2160       2170
CAATAAGTGG GCCTCTAGAA TAAAGAGTAA GTTCTATTAA TTCTTAACCT TATTTAATTT TATGGAAACC

      2180       2190       2200
TCGACAAAAC GACAATGCTC AACTTATATT CGAATTC
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FIGURE 5

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I. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER (if several classification symbols apply, indicate all) [6]

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both National Classification and IPC

IPC (4): C07H 15/12 C12N 15/00 C12N 5/00 A01H 1/04

U.S. CL: 536/27 435/172.3 435/320 435/240.4 800/1

II. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum Documentation Searched [7]

Classification System	Classification Symbols
U.S.	435/172.3, 240.4, 320 536/27 800/1

Documentation Searched other than Minimum Documentation to the Extent that such Documents are Included in the Fields Searched [8]

III. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT [9]

Category *	Citation of Document, [11] with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages [12]	Relevant to Claim No. [13]
X Y	Plant Physiology, Volume 83, issued April 1987, (Rockville, Maryland, USA), Boston et al., "Expression from heterologous promoters in electroporated carrot protoplasts", pages 742-746, see pages 742-743 in particular.	1-3,6,9, 12,13, 16,17 8,14, 18-24
Y	Molecular and General Genetics, Volume 200, issued August 1985, (Heidelburg, Germany), Hansson et al., "Characterization of fruit specific cDNAs from tomato", pages 356-361, see pages 356,358 and 360 in particular.	1-6,10, 14,15, 18-24

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IV. CERTIFICATION

Date of the Actual Completion of the International Search	Date of Mailing of this International Search Report
23 JULY 1988	07 SEP 1988

International Searching Authority	Signature of Authorized Officer
ISA/US	DAVID T. FOX David T. Fox

III. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT (CONTINUED FROM THE SECOND SHEET)

Category *	Citation of Document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to Claim No
Y	Bio/Technology, Volume 3, issued March 1985, (New York, New York, USA), Facciotti et al., "Light-inducible expression of a chimeric gene in soybean tissue transformed with Agrobacterium," pages 241-246, see page 241 in particular.	1-3,8,9, 11,14, 18-24
Y,P	Molecular and General Genetics, Volume 208, issued June 1987, (Heidelburg, Germany), Sheehy et al., "Molecular characterization of tomato fruit polygalacturonase", pages 30-36, see pages 30 and 33 in particular.	7,14,18, 23
Y	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA, Volume 83, issued September 1986, (Washington, D.C., USA), Della Penna et al., "Molecular cloning of tomato fruit polygalacturonase: analysis of polygalacturonase mRNA levels during ripening," pages 6420-6424, see page 6422 in particular.	7,14,18, 23
Y	Nucleic Acids Research, Volume 14, issued November 1986, (Oxford, England), Grierson et al., "Sequencing and identification of a cDNA clone for tomato polygalacturonase," pages 8595-8603, see pages 8598-8599 in particular.	7,14,18, 23
Y	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA, Volume 83, issued August 1986, (Washington, D.C., USA), Ecker et al., "Inhibition of gene expression in plant cells by expression of antisense RNA," pages 5372-5376, see page 5373 in particular.	5,7,14, 23

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM THE SECOND SHEET

X	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA, Volume 82, issued May 1985, (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.), Sengupta-Gopalan et al., "Developmentally regulated expression of the bean beta-phaseolin gene in tobacco seed," pages 3320-3324, see page 3321 in particular.	1-3,8,9, 11,14, 18-24

V. ☐ OBSERVATIONS WHERE CERTAIN CLAIMS WERE FOUND UNSEARCHABLE [1]

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2) (a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claim numbers . because they relate to subject matter [1] not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claim numbers . because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out [2], specifically:

3. ☐ Claim numbers_____, because they are dependent claims not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of PCT Rule 6.4(a).

VI. ☐ OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING [2]

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims of the international application.

2. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims of the international application for which fees were paid, specifically claims:

3. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claim numbers:

4. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, the International Searching Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

Remark on Protest

☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.